Contract Labour Legislation

3039. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to amend the contract labour legislation to allow industries to take on labour on a temporary basis on market demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the specific areas wherein the above amendment is applicable and the parameters/conditions proposed, if any;

(c) whether this would result in hiring and firing of labour; and

(d) the reasons for such an amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (d) In the wake of economic liberalisation as well as judgements of various courts, proposals have been received from social partners to bring about changes in the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970. The changes or amendments to be made, if any, after taking into consideration all relevant factors, have not yet been finalised.

Unemployed Youth

†3040. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under new liberalisation policy educated unemployed youths are not getting employment in various States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the details of the employment being provided to educated unemployed youth in the States specially in Himachal Pradesh under various Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys

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conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last two surveys were carried out during 1993-94 and 1999-2000. As per these surveys, unemployment rate among educated youth (age group 15-29 years) on usual status basis has gone down from approximately 18.5% in 1993-94 to 14.8% in 1999-2000.

(c) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportuities. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential. Besides this, the Government is implementing Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. This will also help tide over the problem of unemployment in Himachal Pradesh.

Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2003

3041. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring the Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2003;

(b) whether this Bill provides for establishment of separate welfare funds both at Central and State levels;

(c) whether the funds would be managed by a Board of Trustees or by the ESIC; and

(d) whether the sex workers would be covered by this act and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has drafted the Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2003, which is still at the stage of consideration.